

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition for local anesthesia in oral surgery or dental treatment which comprises [[a]] an aqueous solution of a local anesthetic as an active ingredient and an agent for sustaining anesthetic action selected from the group consisting of antihistamines, and does not ~~substantially~~ contain a catecholamine.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The composition for local anesthesia according to claim 1, wherein the local anesthetic is lidocaine hydrochloride.

4. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the antihistamine is an antihistamine having a diphenylmethyl group (the phenyl groups may be substituted or unsubstituted) as a partial structure.

5. (Original) The composition for local anesthesia according to claim 4, wherein

the antihistamine is diphenhydramine hydrochloride or hydroxyzine hydrochloride.

6. (Original) An agent for sustaining action of a local anesthetic selected from the group consisting of antihistamines.

7. (Original) The agent for sustaining action according to claim 6, wherein the local anesthetic is lidocaine hydrochloride.

8. (Currently Amended) The composition for local anesthesia according to claim 1[[2]], wherein the local anesthetic is lidocaine hydrochloride.

9. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 1[[2]], wherein the antihistamine is an antihistamine having a diphenylmethyl group (the phenyl groups may be substituted or unsubstituted) as a partial structure.

10. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 3, wherein the antihistamine is an antihistamine having a diphenylmethyl group (the phenyl groups may be substituted or unsubstituted) as a partial structure.

11. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 8, wherein the antihistamine is an antihistamine having a diphenylmethyl group (the phenyl groups may

be substituted or unsubstituted) as a partial structure.

12. (Previously Presented) The composition for local anesthesia according to claim 9, wherein the antihistamine is diphenhydramine hydrochloride or hydroxyzine hydrochloride.

13. (Previously Presented) The composition for local anesthesia according to claim 10, wherein the antihistamine is diphenhydramine hydrochloride or hydroxyzine hydrochloride.

14. (Previously Presented) The composition for local anesthesia according to claim 11, wherein the antihistamine is diphenhydramine hydrochloride or hydroxyzine hydrochloride.